1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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LETTER DATED 17 APRIL 1995 FROM THE ALTERNATE HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE 1995 REVIEW AND EXTENSION CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

On behalf of the group of non-aligned and other States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, I have the honour to transmit herewith a working paper on the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, which was adopted by the Senior Official Meeting of the Movement of Non-aligned States, held in New York on 12 and 13 April 1995.

I would highly appreciate it if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and at the same time be made available to all States parties to the Treaty.

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Annex

WORKING PAPER OF THE GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE 1995 REVIEW AND EXTENSION CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY

INTRODUCTION

1. The non-aligned and other States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons consider the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty as a significant and unique opportunity to review in depth the performance of the Treaty during the past 25 years and to strengthen its regime in all its aspects in pursuit of the objectives of totally eliminating nuclear weapons, promoting peaceful uses of nuclear energy and achieving universal adherence to the Treaty, thereby enhancing international peace and security.

2. Such an exercise calls for a careful examination and realistic assessment of the obligations and responsibilities undertaken by both nuclear-weapon and non-nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty. The extent to which these objectives have been met constitutes an essential element for a decision on the length of the extension.

REVIEW

3. As already agreed, the review of the operation of the Treaty must precede the decision on its extension. Based on article VIII, paragraph 3, of the Treaty, the review process should assess and determine the extent to which the purposes of the preamble and the provisions of the Treaty have been so far realized, so as to chart a future course of action for their full realization in the earliest time possible. Accordingly, the review process should be based on a balanced approach and should serve to identify the specific objectives to be achieved in the coming years with a view to enhancing the operation of and full compliance with the Treaty.

4. As has been consistently demanded by the Movement of Non-aligned States and also stipulated in the document for the third session of the Preparatory Committee (NPT/CONF.1995/PC.III/13) submitted by Indonesia on behalf of the group of non-aligned and other States, the following measures are essential to the strengthening as well as to the full realization and effective implementation of the objectives of the Treaty:

Nuclear disarmament

(a) Immediate cessation of the nuclear arms race, leading to nuclear disarmament and the attainment of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control;

(b) An immediate conclusion and implementation of a universal, internationally and effectively verifiable comprehensive test-ban treaty;

(c) A legally binding commitment by nuclear-weapon States on no-first use and non-use of nuclear weapons;

(d) A non-discriminatory and universally applicable treaty banning the production and stockpiling of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices;

(e) A programme of action for significant reduction of nuclear weapons, leading to total elimination of such weapons and their delivery vehicles within a time-bound framework;

Security assurances

(f) A legally binding instrument on effective, unconditional and comprehensive security assurances, both positive and negative, to non-nuclear-weapon States;

Nuclear-weapon-free zones

(g) Facilitating the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones and full adherence by all nuclear-weapon States to the instruments relating to such zones;

Peaceful uses of nuclear energy

(h) Full and unimpeded access to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes for all the States parties without discrimination;

(i) Application of comprehensive and strengthened IAEA safeguards to all nuclear activities and facilities;

Universality

(j) All efforts must be made for ensuring the universality of the Treaty.

EXTENSION

5. Any decision to be taken in accordance with article X, paragraph 2, of the Treaty should be based on the proper review of the operation of the Treaty, which should ensure the realization of the purposes of the preamble and provisions of the Treaty and lead to its universality in the near future. For this reason, that decision should faithfully reflect the spirit and the letter of article X, paragraph 2, and be characterized by:

(a) Consensus, in the interest of strengthening the Treaty;

(b) Recognition of the legitimate concerns of all States parties;

(c) Compatibility with the Treaty's stated objectives;

(d) An effective period review by the States parties for continued and close scrutiny to ensure full implementation of the Treaty leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons.